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RECUIT COURT

Term Convened
last Monday

The February term of the circuit court convened last Monday. Judge Harwood arrived on the 9:32 train and called the court to order immediately on reaching the court room.

The grand jury was selected and charged. The court delivered, as usual, a strong charge, and one listened to with much interest by the large crowd present.

The following jurors were selected as grand jurymen, and to whom the charge was given: W. F. Wilkes, John Newbill, C. A. Gates, R. C. Vickers, J. R. Smith, W. M. Gaskins, A. S. Hall, B. C. Lundy, J. T. Lewis, C. E. McBane, Sam Organ, L. O. Kee and D. G. McClure. Mr. Clure is the foreman.

Following are the regular jury: W. P. Fields, Gus Younger, Will Thomas, J. P. Lowrance, J. O. Park, S. T. Milam, A. M. Gross, A. B. Smith, L. J. Wilson and O. E. Boyd.

The civil docket was taken up first, and the case of S. S. Huffman against the N. C. & St. L. railroad declared ready for trial. Some time was taken in hearing the evidence in this case, but before it reached the jury the court reached the decision that Mr. Huffman had no case and dismissed the suit.

The case of A. W. Dodson against Johnson Kee was next heard. This suit was an effort to remove the defendant from a farm owned by the plaintiff, the defendant claiming that he possessed the place by previous contract, and won his case in a magistrate's court. The state against Marvin Brawner, for public profanity, not pressed by defendant paying costs. Same in case of public drunkenness.

Will Hart, colored, charged with violating the bone-dry law. Tried Wednesday, found guilty and fined \$60 and given 30 days in jail.

Bill Bigham, charged with bootlegging, plead guilty and was fined \$50 and cost.

Allen Pearson, charged with disturbing public worship, entered plea of guilty and was fined \$20. Same party for carrying pistol, was fined \$50 and cost.

Howard Gooch was declared not guilty of felonious assault and battery by a jury, but entered a plea of guilty for carrying a pistol, and was fined \$50. He was also found not guilty of public profanity.

TENNESSEE FIRST

Leads Southern States in Purchase of W. W. S.

Tennessee led the southern states east of the Mississippi river in the purchase of thrift and war savings stamps during 1918, the total amount of the country's sales of which was \$1,015,067,471, or \$9.64 per capita. Nebraska had the highest total and per capita sales, the latter being \$21.18.

Southern states' total and per capita sales included: Tennessee, \$22,119,226, and \$9.49; North Carolina, \$21,085,388 and \$8.66; Mississippi, \$14,668,967, and \$7.35; Louisiana, \$13,656,584, and \$7.32; Virginia, \$14,662,008, and \$6.50; Florida, \$5,746,675, and \$5.57; Georgia, \$23,758,550, and \$4.78; South Carolina, \$7,713,522, and \$4.69; Alabama, \$10,668,499 and \$4.48.

Farmers' Union Meeting

The regular quarterly meeting of the Carroll county division of the Farmers' Union will meet at the Hilliard School House, three miles southeast of Huntingdon, Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, 1919. Friday will be the busi-

ness session. Friday night and Saturday will be public, and everybody invited.

On Friday night and Saturday interesting and helpful programs will be given by wide awake farmers of Carroll county. The principal speaker for Saturday will be ex-Commissioner of Agriculture, R. T. Deberry, of Humboldt. Other speakers on the program are C. W. Brooks, C. C. Drummond, J. J. Hendrickson, J. W. Williams and D. T. Barnhill. The welcome address will be delivered by Miss Brooksie Wilson and the response by John Lay-cook.

We trust that all Locals will send full delegations and that everybody, whether members or not, will attend the public meetings.

J. S. LEACH, Chairman
J. R. KENNON, Secretary

TEACHERS MEET

Discuss Subjects of Interest to The County

Teachers of Carroll county met in special session last Saturday at the court house. Only about thirty teachers were present, but much interest was taken and a campaign launched to better the schools of the county. The next meeting will be held two weeks from the last meeting, which will be on the 8th of March. At the next meeting means and methods will be matured in behalf of the school.

The association unanimously voted to urge the governor to appoint Prof. Albert Williams state superintendent.

A desire was expressed to see the present legislature improve the school laws of the state. It seemed to be the sense of the association that the legislature should provide for only one school board in the county, make the county superintendent's office close with the school year, June 30, instead of December 31, strengthen the compulsory attendance law so that it will compel, and provide for more money for the rural schools.

D. T. BARNHILL,
County Superintendent.

LEGISLATURE

While the present Legislature has passed more bills on final reading than the Legislature of two years ago, it has fallen far short of the number introduced.

The present Legislature has introduced 1,161 bills, while during the same period in 1917, 1,823 had been introduced. Of the 1,161 introduced this year 599 were introduced in the House and 562 in the Senate.

The House has disposed of 420 of the 599 introduced, 168 are in the hands of the committees or on third reading and eleven are ready for second reading.

The Senate has disposed of 280 of the 562 introduced, 190 are in the hands of the committees or on third reading, while twenty-two are ready for second reading.

Chief Clerk Carter of the Senate, explains that the reason the House has more nearly cleaned its calendar is that where bills were introduced in both Houses and the House bill reached the Senate before the Senate bill was passed, the House bill was passed on third reading, thereby leaving the Senate bill on the desk. He says these bills will finally go to the table, but until they do, they must be carried on the calendar.

Democratic Chief

Homer S. Cummins, of Connecticut, was elected chairman of the national democratic committee Wednesday, and the committee voted a complete reorganization for an aggressive campaign in 1920.

Barn Burns

The feed and stock barn of J. W. Howard, colored, burned Monday near Trezevant. The cause of the fire is unknown. A large amount of hay and corn burned and also plow tools and other things. The loss is several hundred dollars, covered by insurance.

TAKES RECESS

The Legislature Adjourned Friday Until March 17

The Tennessee legislature adjourned last Friday until March 17. The recess is taken to give some of the members an opportunity to mix with their constituents and learn their needs as to further legislation and to give committees an opportunity to make investigations necessary to be made by the legislative body.

Just before adjournment the governor sent his message to the house vetoing the two railroad pass bills, requiring the railroads operating in Tennessee to furnish free transportation to all members of the legislature, state officials and wards of the state. It was generally believed that the governor would veto these bills.

The legislature has been in session 47 days and when the members reconvene they will have left 28 days of constitutional allotment for which they can receive pay, left in which to finish up the business of the session.

As the most important administration measures regarding taxation, and assessment and control and management of elementary and penal institutions had been enacted into laws before the recess, it is believed that 28 days is sufficient time in which to complete the plans for reorganization of the state government.

HIGHER TAXES

President Wilson signed the revenue bill Monday night. This bill puts into operation the machinery for collecting \$6,000,000,000 of taxes this year. Higher taxes provided in the new bill went into effect Tuesday on liquor and soft drinks, including beer and mineral waters, and on tobacco and so-called luxuries. Among the luxury class are found automobiles and motor accessories, pianos, sporting goods, chewing gum, cameras, candy, firearms, slot machines, toilet soaps and art goods. The tax is paid by the manufacturer.

Other features of the tax bill which go into legal effect today, but which are retroactive and which consequently are not practically affected by the time of the signing of the bill include the following:

Taxes on incomes, excess profits and war profits, estates and inheritances; and excise taxes on a number of special businesses, such as brokers, bowling alleys, insurance companies, theaters and amusement place proprietors and liquor dealers.

Moody—Norman

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Norman, of Huntingdon, Tenn., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Ernestine, to Mr. Clarence Hillman Moody. The marriage will take place at the First Cumberland Presbyterian church in Huntingdon, Wednesday, March 12, at 3:30 p. m.

POTATO GROWERS

Carroll County Will Grow Large Crop This Year

The meeting at the court house Thursday night of last week, in the interest of potato growing in this community, was well attended and the talk on the subject by Mr. Hawk of Gleason, was well received.

About 175 acres were pledged by those at the meeting, and it is believed many more acres will be pledged before planting time. Mr. Hawk is a very successful grower and has had much experience in handling the crop, and he advises the farmers not to put out more than they can handle well, which is no doubt good advice.

While in Trezevant Saturday we learned that the farmers of that community will put out 200 or more acres, and quite a number of acres will be grown in the communities of McKenzie, McMoresville and Atwood.

CLEAN-UP THE TOWN

And "Brighten Up the Corner Where You Are"

This is to be one of the slogans of the new Commercial Club and the Women's Civic Improvement Club in their efforts to clean up Huntingdon and make it not only the "best little town on the map," but the prettiest and cleanest little town on the "Memphis-to-Bristol Highway." At a joint meeting of the two clubs held Friday night of last week plans were discussed and partially perfected for bringing about these desired results. But this cannot be accomplished without the hearty co-operation of every business man in Huntingdon, and the question is now up to you. Will you lend your support to this movement by commencing today to "brighten the corner where you are," or will you continue to sweep your trash and waste paper and other refuse matter into the streets and alleys to be blown by the wind all over town?

When the garbage cans were placed around the square by the Civic Improvement Club it was intended that waste paper and other light material should be dropped in them instead of throwing it on the streets, but these garbage cans have been badly abused by a number of our merchants by dumping into them all sorts of refuse matter from their stores, including rotten cabbage, rotten apples, rotten potatoes, old banana stalks and other things too numerous to mention. As a result of this practice these garbage cans instead of being what they were intended to be have become one of the most unsanitary nuisances in town.

To remedy this the Commercial Club and Civic Improvement Club earnestly requests the business men to help keep the garbage cans clean by sweeping all trash to the back door instead of the front, and place all waste matter in some receptacle at the back door, instead of throwing it into the garbage cans at the front.

As a further means toward making our little town attractive to visitors we make the following appeal to our business men: Please stack the empty coco cola and soda water cases in the rear of your store instead of the front, and do the same with your empty boxes and barrels. Don't burn waste paper and paper boxes on the graded streets or square—don't dump ashes in the square or on any street. To our poultry dealers—don't form the habit of stacking chicken coops around the front when there is plenty of room in the rear. In fact, try to keep the front of your store as clean as your front yard at home. If you will co-operate with us in this work we can succeed, otherwise the hard work of the Commercial Club and Civic Improvement Club will prove a failure.

In the near future all of the parks around the square are to be cleaned and flowerers and shrubbery will be planted and many other things done to beautify the town.

W. L. NOELL,
Secretary Commercial Club.

Two Appointments

Governor Roberts last Wednesday appointed Lewis S. Pope manager of all state institutions formerly operated by the state board of control. Mr. Pope has been a member of the state board of control for the past two years. The governor also appointed John Trotwood Moore of Nashville, Tennessee's noted poet, as state librarian.

Mine Accident

J. Edwin Black received a telegram Thursday morning of last

week announcing the death of his son, Joseph M. Black, at Johnston City, Ill. The message gave no particulars. We have learned since however that he was the victim of a mine accident, but further facts relative to the accident is not known here. Mr. Black left on the first train after receiving the message. The deceased was 21 years, nine months and 17 days old, a member of the Baptist church and a young man well known here and highly esteemed by our people. He had been working in a coal mine for some time, his work being more or less hazardous. The funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church, Johnston City, last Sunday, conducted by Rev. C. E. Hart, and Dr. W. P. Throgmorton. The interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

TO KILL PRESIDENT

Plot Unearthed in New York Looked Very Suspicious

Vigilance on the part of the United States secret service and quick action by the New York police thwarted Sunday what it is believed was to have been an attempt upon the life of President Woodrow Wilson in Boston Monday, after he passed 10 weeks abroad in security.

Anarchists of three cities—New York, Boston and Philadelphia—are thought to have been behind the plot which was to hurl a bomb at the chief executive as he passed through the streets of the New England metropolis Monday.

Fourteen aliens, admittedly anarchists and most of them acknowledging membership in the Industrial Workers of the World, were arrested when headquarters of the organization was raided by the police. Parts of a machine used in making bombs, much literature and anarchist propaganda were found in the apartments.

POTATO GROWERS ASS'N

On last Thursday night a most interesting meeting was held at the court house in the interest of potato growing. The meeting was ably addressed by W. R. Hawks of Gleason. Among the farmers present almost two hundred acres was indicated to be planted immediately around Huntingdon.

The meeting decided to organize a Potato Grower's Association and elected a temporary chairman and an organization committee. The next meeting will be held at the court house on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, March 8. Every farmer in and around Huntingdon is invited—yes, urged—to be present. Do not forget the date, March 8.—D. T. BARNHILL, Temporary Chairman.

MRS. EUGENE MILBURN

A Most Excellent Lady Dies From Pneumonia

Mrs. Eva Milburn, wife of Eugene Milburn, died at her home in Memphis, Tennessee, Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, of pneumonia and complications.

Mrs. W. L. Noell received a telephone message from her son, Milburn, announcing Mrs. Milburn's death. She had only been sick two or three days, and her husband was in Chicago at the time, unconscious, as were her people, of the serious nature of her illness. The death was sudden and expected.

Mrs. Milburn was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Prince, and a niece of Mrs. W. L. Noell. She was reared in Huntingdon and has a host of friends here who will regret her death and sympathize with the bereaved.

Mrs. W. L. Noell left for Memphis Thursday to attend the funeral and be with her sister.

BOSTON'S WELCOME

Tremendous Ovation Paid Our National Chief

A thunderous salute of twenty-one guns from all the harbor forts at Boston at 8 o'clock Monday sounded the opening note of New England's welcome to President Wilson upon his return from the history-making peace conference.

The George Washington arrived in president roads late Sunday. She was guarded through the night by circling destroyers and submarines as she lay at anchor.

Enthusiastic citizens kept bonfires burning at Winthrop and Squantum until the gray mists lifted early Monday, revealing the first glimpse of the presidential liner to the public. Cheer after cheer went up and sentries pacing the deck of the Washington waved their caps in reply.

The flag of the commander-in-chief of the army and navy was hoisted to the main truck and fluttered in the chilly breeze. Simultaneously the American flag was unfurled and the reverberating roar of the guns from the harbor forts rent the air.

The screech of whistles and sounds aboard craft in the harbor and from factory buildings joined the din. And from the port of the George Washington there were thrust a myriad of heads. A lusty lunged cheer of the returning fighters who had spent the last nine days in the company of the chief executive was heard momentarily above the general uproar.

All the vessels in the harbor were ablaze with flags and bunting festooned the docks and piers along the route to be taken by the presidential party.

A fleet of naval tugs nosed up to the big liner and began removing tons of baggage of officials on board.

Then shouts of the crowds on shore battled with mechanical sounds as President and Mrs. Wilson appeared on the bridge of the George Washington. They were immediately recognized despite the distance of the vessel from shore, and heartily acclaimed.

Meanwhile thousands upon thousands of New Englanders were waiting in Boston to give President Wilson the greatest reception in history.

Partly overcast skies failed to dampen the ardor of the immense throngs, which included fathers, mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts of American soldiers and sailors and of the fighters who lie beneath the soil of France, where they died for the ideals sponsored by President Wilson.

WAR CASUALTIES

Total Death of the American Forces is 107,444

Deaths during the war in the American Expeditionary Forces and among troops in the United States from all causes, the War Department announced Monday numbered 107,444.

In the Expeditionary Forces the total was 72,951. Of these 20,829 resulted from disease, 48,768 from injuries received in battle and 3,354 from all other causes.

Deaths from disease among the troops in the United States totaled 32,737, and from other causes 1,753, giving a total for the troops in this country of 34,493.

The figures for the American Expeditionary Forces the period from April 1, 1917, to February 16, 1919; those for the troops in the United States from April 1, 1917, to February 14, 1919.

The figures show the total deaths from disease exceeded the total battle casualties by more than 5,000.

Of School Interest

The next state examination for teachers will be held Thursday and Friday, March 13-14. All teachers desiring to take this examination should be on hand Thursday morning at 8:30.

D. T. BARNHILL,
County Superintendent.